

State of Alaska FY2010 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Professional Teaching Practices Commission Component Budget Summary

Component: Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Contribution to Department's Mission

To serve as a preventative and positive force in working to enhance the professional performance of all educators;
and,

To ensure that members of the teaching profession in Alaska are qualified and ethical educators

Core Services

- Investigate properly filed complaints against certified educators
- Sanction the certificates of educators found to have violated the Code of Ethics of the Education Profession
- Promote adherence to the Code of Ethics by certified educators
- Review regulations of the department as they relate to teacher certification

End Result	Strategies to Achieve End Result
A: Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators <u>Target #1:</u> Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission <u>Status #1:</u> The number of educators sanctioned by the Commission increased.	A1: Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts <u>Target #1:</u> Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days <u>Status #1:</u> Target accomplished at 100% per time expectations set forth by the Commission. Staff acknowledged complaints and processed requests within 48 hours of receipt. <u>Target #2:</u> Initiate investigation within 30 days <u>Status #2:</u> Target accomplished at 100%. Staff screened complaints and initiated investigations per screening guidelines set forth by the Commission. Warranted investigations were begun within 48 hours of the screening process.

Major Activities to Advance Strategies	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process complaints • Investigate complaints • Conduct background checks • Conduct hearings • Sanction certificates • Distribute Decision & Orders of the Commission • Promulgate regulations • Negotiate stipulated agreements & surrenders • Presentations to educational leaders and state-wide mentors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to pre-service educators at Alaska's universities and to currently employed educators through school district in-services • Newsletter to all certified employees in Alaska • Poster of Code of Ethics (COE) to all schools • Telephone consults • Annual Report • Publish COE brochure given to all certified educators • Maintain web site • Review proposed changes to certification regulations • Commissioners will network with constituencies

FY2010 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

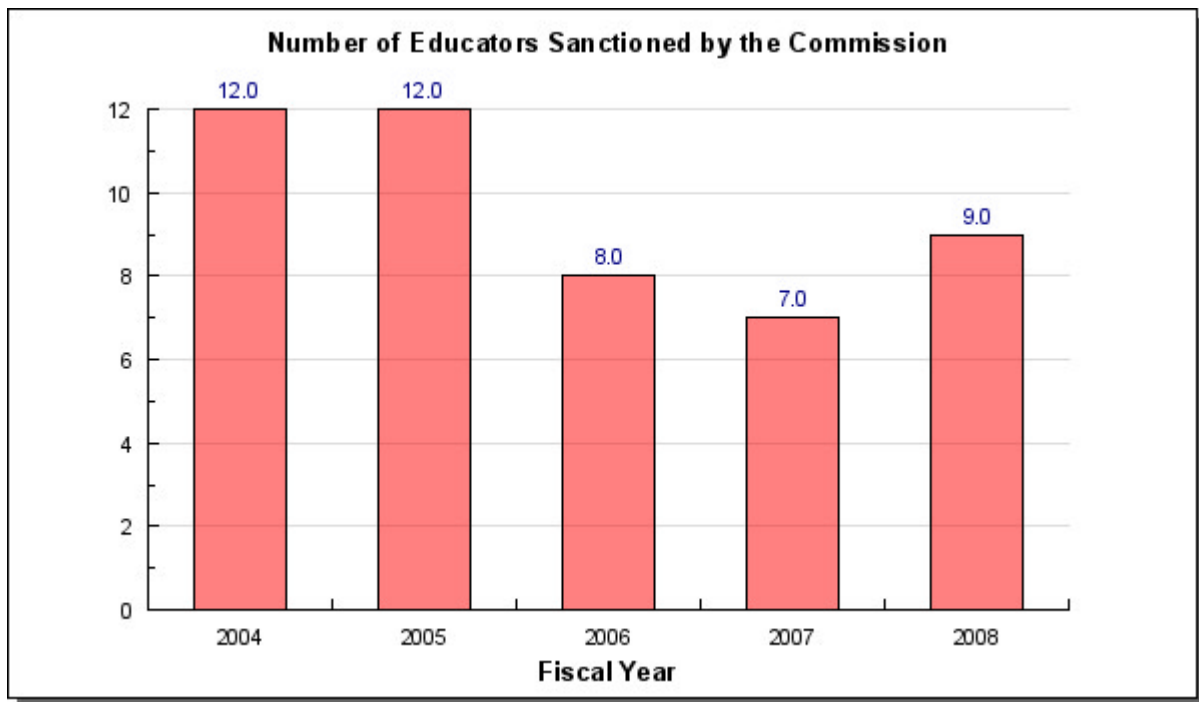
FY2010 Component Budget: \$275,000

Personnel:

Full time	2
Part time	0
Total	2

Performance

A: Result - Reduce unethical behavior by certified educators

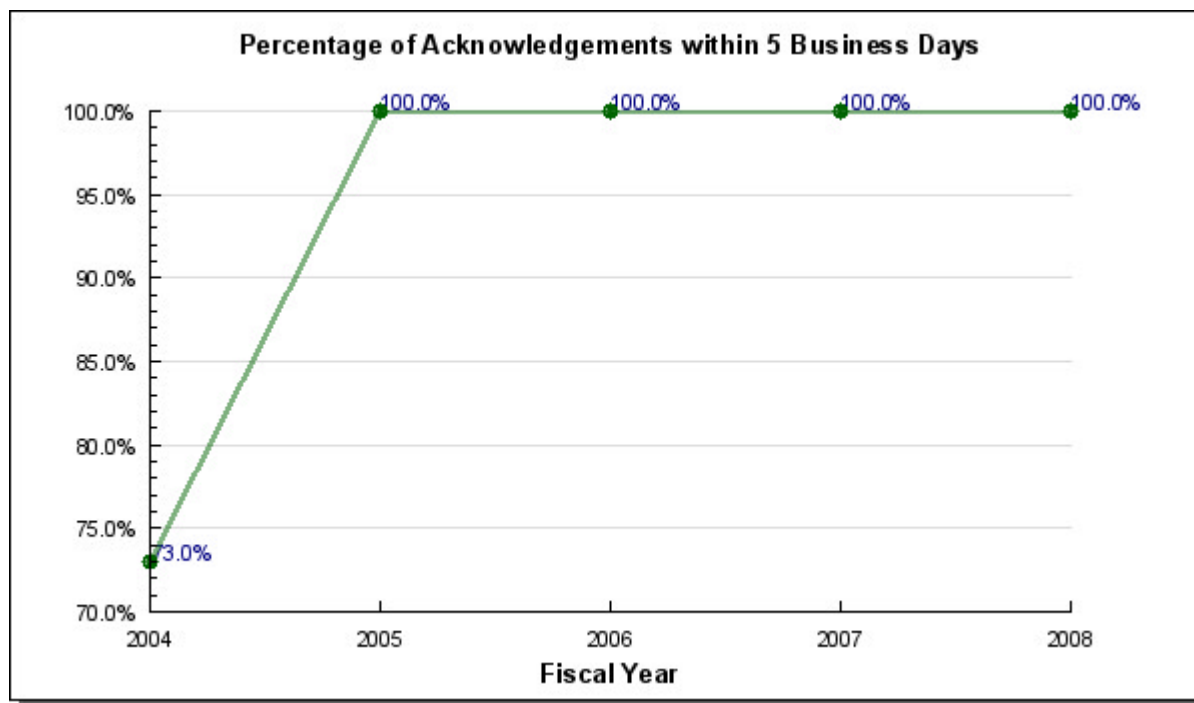
Target #1: Reduce by 10% the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission**Status #1:** The number of educators sanctioned by the Commission increased.

Analysis of results and challenges: In FY2008 the number of educators sanctioned by the Commission was nine. The increase from FY2007 is primarily due to the severity of the ethical violations by educators even though fewer cases were investigated.

A1: Strategy - Improve processing of complaints against certified educators who commit illegal, immoral or unethical acts

Target #1: Acknowledge complaints and requests for background checks within five business days

Status #1: Target accomplished at 100% per time expectations set forth by the Commission. Staff acknowledged complaints and processed requests within 48 hours of receipt.



Analysis of results and challenges: Procedures were instituted in FY2006 to ensure all complaints were acknowledged in a timely manner. In FY2007 the Commission continued to acknowledge all complaints within five business days. In FY2008 staff made acknowledged complaints within 48 hours of receiving them.

Target #2: Initiate investigation within 30 days

Status #2: Target accomplished at 100%. Staff screened complaints and initiated investigations per screening guidelines set forth by the Commission. Warranted investigations were begun within 48 hours of the screening process.

Percentage of Investigations Initiated within 30 Days

Year	YTD Total
2008	100%
2007	100%
2006	100%
2005	100%
2004	100%

Analysis of results and challenges: In FY2008 the Commission continued to respond timely to complaints. 100% of complaints, which warranted investigations, had investigations initiated within 48 hours of receipt of the complaint.

Key Component Challenges

The ability of the Commission to investigate all complaints in a timely manner or pursue lengthy investigations or hearings is limited by the available resources. Currently, the Commission is funded entirely by fees paid by

individuals seeking teaching certification in Alaska. The department is requesting that PTPC be funded by General Funds beginning in FY10.

The Commission strives to increase public knowledge and awareness of professional, ethical standards for teachers and administrators and to create an awareness of the Commission's role and responsibility in disciplining certified educators.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2010

There are no significant changes in the results to be delivered in FY2010.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2008

- Completed 68 investigations of complaints against educators
- Conducted 2 appeal hearings
- Disciplined 9 educators through surrender, suspension, revocation or recommendation for denial of licensure
- Reviewed 292 applications for certification containing background checks indicating criminal convictions. 181 applicants who had revealed convictions on their applications for certification and/or provided the requested details were approved for certification
- Published and distributed an annual report to interested parties, as well as a semiannual newsletters to all educators and other interested parties in the state
- Updated and distributed the Professional Code of Ethics Handbook
- Presented code of professional ethics and the role of the Commission were given to graduating teacher candidates at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska Pacific University, the University of Alaska Education Leadership class, Elementary and Secondary Education, Middle School Administrator staff, in-services for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Sitka School District, and the Iditarod School District.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 14.20.030
 4 AAC 12
 4 AAC 18
 AS 14.20.370-.510
 AS 44.62
 20 AAC 10.010-.900

Contact Information
<p>Contact: Patricia Truman, Executive Director Phone: (907) 269-6579 Fax: (907) 269-6580 E-mail: patricia.truman@alaska.gov</p>

Professional Teaching Practices Commission Component Financial Summary

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	182.7	189.5	197.3
72000 Travel	15.6	16.7	16.7
73000 Services	53.3	58.0	57.5
74000 Commodities	4.0	3.5	3.5
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	255.6	267.7	275.0
Funding Sources:			
1004 General Fund Receipts	3.5	15.6	275.0
1156 Receipt Supported Services	252.1	252.1	0.0
Funding Totals	255.6	267.7	275.0

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2008 Actuals	FY2009 Management Plan	FY2010 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Receipt Supported Services	51073	252.1	252.1	0.0
Restricted Total		252.1	252.1	0.0
Total Estimated Revenues		252.1	252.1	0.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2009 Management Plan to FY2010 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2009 Management Plan	15.6	0.0	252.1	267.7
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Correct Unrealizable Fund Sources in the Salary Adjustment for the Existing Bargaining Unit Agreements	6.7	0.0	-6.7	0.0
-PTPC Fund Source Change to GF	252.1	0.0	-252.1	0.0
-FY2010 Wage and Health Insurance Increases for Bargaining Units with Existing Agreements	0.6	0.0	6.7	7.3
FY2010 Governor	275.0	0.0	0.0	275.0

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2009</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2010</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	2	2	Annual Salaries	131,811
Part-time	0	0	COLA	5,274
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	66,285
			<i>Less 2.98% Vacancy Factor</i>	(6,070)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	2	2	Total Personal Services	197,300

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Exec Secretary PTPC	1	0	0	0	1
Secretary	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	2	0	0	0	2